ing demands for fuel cannot be met. There will still be shortage and, therefore, we have to concentrate on planting more and more of fuel species in our forests. There is a programme which has been taken up just now, i.e., farm forestry in Block areas. That is a new programme under the Third Plan under which in each Block area waste lands will be taken up for cultivation of fuel species.

Palm jaggery

* 219 *Q.*—VIDWAN T. MUTHUKANNAPPAN (on behalf of DR. A. CHIDAMBARANATHAN) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) the targets of production of palm jaggery by the Jaggery Manufacturing Co-operative Societies for 1959–60 ; and

(*b*) the quantity of palm jaggery produced during that period?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) 24.96 lakhs of maunds.

(*b*) 24.44 lakhs of maunds.

VIDWAN T. MUTHUKANNAPPAN : இந்தக் குறைவிற்குக் காரணம் என்னவென்று அறியலாமா ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : 24·96-லிருந்து 24·44 ஆகியிருக்கிறது. இதில் குறைவெல்லாம் ½ மணங்குதான். இதை ஒரு குறைவாகக் கருதக்கூடாது.

Health cess

* 220 *Q.*—SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any communication from the Central Government asking for its views on the question of levy of Health cess ;

(*b*) whether the Government have communicated its views; and

(*c*) if so, what they are?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN (on behalf of the Hon. the Minister for Revenue) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Not yet communicated.

(*c*) Does not arise.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : May I know what the view of this Government is with regard to the levy of a health cess?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : That is what exactly has not been communicated and until it is communicated, we cannot give the view of the Government.

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SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : What is the purpose of this cess?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : That is to augment the resources of the State for the purpose of expending more on general health schemes. It is in a very early stage of consideration.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Do the Government take into account the quantum of tax that an individual has already got to pay before the introduction of this new cess?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : That is one of the reasons why we have not yet communicated our view to the Government of India.

M.C. Rajah Hostel

* 221 Q.—SRI K. M. RAMASAMY GOUNDER (on behalf of DR. A. CHIDAMBARANATHAN) : Will the Hon. Minister for Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of boarders in the Government M.C. Rajah Hostel at Madras as on 1st January 1961;

(*b*) whether all of them are free boarders; and

(*c*) whether admission to this hostel is restricted to students studying in colleges in the City?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : (*a*) Ninety-three boarders.

(*b*) Thirty-seven are free boarders and the remaining 56 boarders, who have been granted Government of India Scholarships for the year 1960–61, are treated as paying boarders.

(*c*) Yes, Sir.

VIDWAN T. MUTHUKANNAPPAN : இதில் ஹரிஜன மாணவர்கள்தான் இருக்கிறார்களா? ஏனைய மிகவும் பிற்பட்ட, பிற்பட்ட, முற்பட்ட சமூகத்தைச் சேர்ந்தவர்களும் இருக்கிறார்களா? இருந்தால் எந்த சத விகிதத்தில் இருக்கிறார்கள்?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : இப்பொழுது இருக்கிற மாணவர்களில் ஹரிஜன மாணவர்கள் 67 பேர்கள், பின் தங்கியவர்கள் 25 பேர்கள், முன்னேற்றமடைந்த சமூகத்தைச் சேர்ந்தவர் ஒருவர் இருக்கிறார். இந்த மாணவர்களுக்கு எல்லாம் மத்திய அரசாங்கம், ராஜ்ய அரசாங்கம் மூலமாகச் சலுகை அளிக்கப்படுகிறது. சிலருக்கு இனாமாகவே கிடைக்கிறது.

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : How does the Hon. Minister reconcile this with their policy that students belonging to the Harijan community should not be lodged in separate hostels but with other students in order that they might have a better environment?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : In some of the institutions, Harijan boys are staying with other boys in hostels. Their percentage may be 16 in other hostels.